

Community Equity Advisory Board

April 22, 2022
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Teams

Attendees: Van Kuno, John Agyapong, Mindy Woods, Rocio Castillo-Foell, Taniela Tokailagi, Dr. Paul Stoot, Clarence Shaw, Ben Young

Absent: Amelia Vakalutukali, Brenna Ramos, DanVon'ique Bletson-Reed, Giselle Zapata-Garcia, Lika Smith, John Okemah, Rachel Hoffman

Guests: Heather McGuinness (NorthSound ACH)

District Staff: Nicole Thomsen, Samara Heydon, Abi Saur, Brett Garris

Meeting Notes

Quorum was not met until halfway through the meeting. Members present decided to meet regardless.

Minutes

Not approved as no quorum was present. Move approval to May meeting.

COVID Update

Brett Garris, Snohomish Health District Public Health Emergency Preparedness, spoke to members about current changes and availability of personal protection supplies.

- Supply distribution has been shifted to a central event with Snohomish County. Sign-ups close today at 6PM with distribution happening Tuesday – Thursday, April 26-28 at the Evergreen Fairgrounds. A reminder e-mail will be sent.
- COVID rates are increasing. The District recommends masking, holding gatherings outdoors, and getting vaccinated (with boosters, if eligible).
- The District has transferred and/or closed its vaccine and testing locations. The Ash Way site is continuing with management by the University of WA.

Member questions/suggestion:

- Is long-haul COVID considered a disability and eligible for associated benefits? If so, how does one apply, etc. May be a topic for a future guest speaker.

Kresge COVID Community Assessment

Nicole provided an update and asked a question.

- Translations of the survey are moving slowly forward.
- Question: Based on the slow but steady pace, should we continue with the community conversations or focus on the survey?

Members unanimously stated the importance of community navigators and richness of information gathered from the community via conversations.

CEAB Membership

Members present are frustrated by the lack of attendance and more so that members who are attending are not stating so to District staff. There is also the option of stepping back from the Board to allow for others to join.

Rocio suggested that a flyer be developed for community awareness of the Board and opportunities to become involved.

Next Meeting

Friday, May 27, 3:30 - 5PM via Teams